

Operative G T Purdy

Oct. 29th, 1926

Re: Shots heard near the Phillips Farm House.

Mr. Edgar Hoag, 523 Prospect St., East Orange, N.J.

Operative interviewed Mr. Hoad this evening in reference to his hearing shots the night of Sept. 14th, 1922.

Mr. Hoad states that on the night in question he was in the yard in back of his house, putting the chickens up for the night and at about between 9:30 and 10 P.M. he heard shots which came from the direction of the Phillips Farm. He first heard three shots and then one shot. Operative asked him how long after he heard the shots he retired for the night and he replied that he did not remember. He states that his wife, Anna Hoag, was sitting on the porch in the front of the house, and when he got through with his chickens he returned to the front porch and Mrs. Hoag asked him if he had heard the shots and he replied that he had.

He also states that his wife's brother was at the house that night, but in bed. He stated that it was unusual to hear shots around that vicinity at that time of the year, because the hunting season had not begun yet.

Note: Mr. Hoag is very deaf and Operative found it difficult to make him understand. He, however, he states that he was not deaf at the time of the murders four years ago.

Respectfully submitted:

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